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is turning 100
in 2016!*

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Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area

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26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
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(closed some holidays)
805-370-2301

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by Jim Shoemaker

Spirit of the Mountains

Photo Contest previous winner

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Funny Thing About A Pelican
by Jeffrey Davidson
Spirit of the Mountains
Photo Contest
2015 Winner – 2nd Place
Animals category



A large pelican is shown in flight over a body of water. The bird has a long, pointed beak and its wings are spread wide, showing dark feathers on the upper side and lighter feathers on the underside. The water is a deep blue with some ripples. The text 'Contents' is written in a white, cursive font in the upper right corner.

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agency or organization.*

Environmental Educator Training

Like working with students (grades K–12)?
Enjoy being outside interpreting nature?
Want to be part of a local community that
helps the environment? Train this fall
to become an Environmental Educator!
Contact the Resource Conservation District
of the Santa Monica Mountains.



INFORMATION
rcdsmm.org/education
rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com
818-597-8627 x103

SAT 1/2 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve -
Lower Stunt High Trailhead*
First Saturday Walk Savor
an autumn walk-about along
a streamside trail through oak
woodlands to a gently rolling
chaparral basin below craggy
sandstone peaks. Bring hat,
water, and sturdy shoes. Info:
www.mountaintrust.org or
818-591-9163. 2hrs CCD/MRT

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*Franklin Canyon -
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*
Franklin's Movie Magic Lights,
Camera, Action! Join us on an
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Journey of Discovery Learn
about Chumash and Tongva
Native American culture,
wildlife and wildflowers with
a Topanga Canyon Docent
naturalist. Meet by the ramada
in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

TUE 1/5 9am

Malibu Creek State Park
De Anza Park to Malibu Creek State Park Join a moderate, 9.5-mile hike, 1200' gain hike on Talapop, Phantom, and connecting trails. Meet at 8:45am at NE & SE corners of Mulholland Hwy & Las Virgenes/Malibu Cyn Rd for a 5 minute car shuttle to De Anza Park for hike start. 5hrs SC

THU 1/7 8:30am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Wendy Trailhead
Moderately-paced Hike Join a 10.1-mile, 1000' gain hike, past old windmill and on Upper Sycamore Canyon, Hidden, and Sin Nombre trails. Possible small stream crossing, and break at Danielson Ranch. Half of elevation gain within 1-mile on return route. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

FRI 1/8 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
A Bit of Local History! Join us for a leisurely stroll around the visitor center and adjacent grounds while we learn what this area meant to the people who lived here. Meet inside visitor center. 1hr NPS

SAT 1/9 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Winter Residents Southern California hosts more birds in January than just about anywhere in the U.S. Bring your binoculars and bird book for a look at resident and wintering birds. If you have a camera and are interested in bird photography, bring it along as we will discuss settings and techniques. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 1/9 9am

Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons
Paint-out Gently rounded hills and canyons provide a beautiful painting location. All painting levels and medium welcome. Painting demo followed by critique at noon. Facilities available. Meet in parking lot. Info: <http://allied-artists.com>. 4hr AASMM

SAT 1/9 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Potrero Creek Restoration Help plant, weed and water native oaks and other native plants in a new restoration site. Meet at W. Potrero Rd. and Briar Ave. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

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Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Park Restoration Help plant, weed and water to restore native habitat. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 1/9 9am

Temescal Gateway Park
Hike Once again our local historian, Randy Young will lead us on a "walk and talk" through the history of the Palisades. Randy has yet to divulge his exact plan, but we understand that it will center around the Castellammare area. 3-4 hrs TCA

SAT 1/9 10am

King Gillette Ranch
Wilderness Survival Basics Ever wonder what it takes to get prepared for a wilderness survival situation? Join us on this program and learn some of the basics and tips you hopefully will never have to use. 2hrs MRCA/NPS



SUN 1/10 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Habitat Restoration Help weed, water, and mulch native plants for a restoration project. Bring snack, water, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountainstrust.org. 3.5hrs MRT

SUN 1/10 10am

Topanga State Park

Wild Foods, Native Cultures, and 'Weird' Geography, OH MY! Join a Topanga Canyon Docent naturalist and experience first-hand, the richly interwoven natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and sample some tasty tidbits to boot. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 1/10 1pm

Santa Monica Mountains

Interagency Visitor Center

History Tour! Join us for a leisurely stroll around the visitor center and adjacent grounds while we learn what this area meant to the people who lived here. Meet inside visitor center. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SUN 1/10 2pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Capture a Nature Moment

Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 1/10 2pm

Temescal Gateway Park

A Walk into the Chumash World Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life. Learn about their culture and life in Southern California on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

TUE 1/12 9am

Topanga State Park

Hondo Cyn-Fire Lookout

(2469') Join a moderate, 9-mile round trip, 1800' gain hike on Backbone Trail to fire lookout above Stunt Cyn. Meet at Hondo Cyn trailhead (take Old Topanga Rd ¼ mi from Topanga Cyn Blvd). 5hrs SC

THU 1/14 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park -

Reagan Ranch

Moderately paced hike Join an 8-mile, 1000' gain hike, including Lookout Trail with great views, Century Lake, and Reagan picnic area. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 1/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

La Sierra Native Plant

Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to restoration sites. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountainstrust.org. 3.5hrs MRT

Art Exhibit Opening Sunday, January 10 11am - 2pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Meet Apache-Zapotec Native American artist **Bernie Granados**. His exhibit of acrylic art and intricately painted gourd masks will run

through the end of March. To view more of his art, visit his website at www.elstudiogranados.com
For more information: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 1/16 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Birding at Legacy Park Winter brings rain which means there will be fresh water in the catchment pond which attracts bird action. Bring your binoculars on this easy walk where we'll look for a variety of ducks, egrets, & songbirds! An excellent learning opportunity for fledgling bird enthusiasts. Wheelchair accessible, too. Meet across from the Malibu Library. 1.5hrs CMPRD

SAT 1/16 9am

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Unleash Yourself in Nature! Challenge yourself to an invigorating workout and hike. Let go, and enjoy the great outdoors in the process. Beginners welcome. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SAT 1/16 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
Millennium Loop Trail Join a moderately-paced, 11.4-mile, 2700' gain loop hike in Calabasas. Meet at trailhead: exit 101 at Parkway Calabasas; turn left (S); then, immediate right (W) on Calabasas Rd.; drive 1.5 miles to the end; park on the south side of the street. 5hrs SC

Horse Tales

**Saturday,
January 16, 2015**

10:00am - 11:30am*Rancho Sierra Vista*

Bring the family to meet rangers, volunteers, and their horses. Enjoy a tour of historic Rancho Sierra Vista and a short horse demo in the ranch arena. View ranch buildings and restored carriages. Meet in main parking lot. Rain cancels.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**SUN 1/17 8am**

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Info: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 1/17 9:30am

Stunt Ranch Reserve Area - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Winter Allure On this easy downhill hike through rock-studded chaparral, grassland and riparian habitats, enjoy the transformation of the seasons and the great views! Info: 818-591-9163. 2.5hrs CCD/MRT



SUN 1/17 **10am**

Topanga State Park

Family Walk Follow a Topanga Canyon Docent naturalist on a nature walk. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 1/17 **2pm**

King Gillette Ranch

A Walk into the Chumash World Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life. Learn about their culture and life in Southern California on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at the visitor center. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

TUE 1/19 **9am**

Santa Monica Mountains

Santa Ynez Cyn via Wirebreak Join a moderate, 7-mile, 1000' gain hike to Trippet Ranch via the re-engineered Wirebreak. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH N ½ mi on Sunset Blvd, L 2 ½ mi on Palisades Dr, L on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). 5hrs SC

THU 1/21 **8:30am**

Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead

Moderately paced hike Join an 8-10-mile hike in northern Topanga State Park. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC



TWO VISIONS *Art Exhibit & Sale*

January 22 Saturday from 9am - 5pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

The work of painters **Donna** and **Joe Goldstein** are layers of oil and the simplicity of line. They capture in their art what is presented to them during their sojourns. *The exhibit and sale will run through February 28.* Meet the artists on February 6, 2pm - 3:30pm. **Info: 805-370-2301**

National Park Service & Western National Parks Assn

SAT 1/23 **8:45am**

Malibu Creek State Park

Return of the Oak Woodlands Join us to help enhance our native grasslands and oak woodlands. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 1/23 **10am**

Paramount Ranch

Things that Suck! Join us on this 1-mile hike to learn about creatures that suck, sting, and bite in the park. Heavy rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 1/23 **5pm**

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Full Wolf Moon Hike Howl at the moon with us tonight during this Wolf Moon and you might just hear the coyotes howl back. Discover how they communicate with each other in a language of their own. Meet at main parking lot. Moderate hike. 2hrs. MRCA

SAT 1/23**5pm***Franklin Canyon -**Franklin Canyon Ranch*

Full Wolf Moon Hike Howl at the moon with us tonight during this Wolf Moon and you might just hear the coyotes howl back. Enjoy our moderately-strenuous hike with great views. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 1/24**8:30am***Malibu Lagoon State Beach***Beach and Wetlands Bird**

Watching Beginners, experts, teens or adults, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 1/24**8:45am***Malibu Creek State Park*

Weed War Join us as we revisit restoration sites. Come see the growth of a natural ecosystem of natives in what was once a field of fire-prone weeds. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountainstrust.org. 3.5hrs MRT/TP/CNPS

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE & WESTERN NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION



Sunday, January 24, 10am - 4pm

The Santa Monica Mountains have appeared in movie sets all over the world. To help celebrate the centennial of the National Park Service, join local film historians for a look at movies shot in national parks.

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

45 minute presentations at 10am, 12pm, and 2pm. Followed by a walk at 3pm.

Info and Reservations: 805-370-2301

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, January 24

10am - 12pm & 1pm - 3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Wichita tribal artist
Michael Williams
will teach the basics
of creating your very
own dream catcher.
Basic materials
provided. Limited
materials, so first
come, first served.



Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 1/24 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special walk - binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations not required except for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 1/24 10am

Topanga State Park
Come See How the Locals Live (local wildlife that is) Join a Topanga Canyon Decent on a guided nature walk featuring animal homes. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

TUE 1/26 9am

Topanga State Park
Dead Horse Trail to Eagle Rock Join a moderate, 8-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike. 5hrs SC

THU 1/28 8:30am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Newton Canyon Backbone Trail Join a moderately-paced, 8-mile, 1400' gain hike on trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 1/30 8:45am

Leo Carrillo State Park
Habitat Restoration Help remove invasive plants along the floodplains of the Arroyo Sequit. Bring water, snack, hat, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountaintrust.org. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 1/30 9am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Habitat Restoration – Adopt-a-Creek Training Join us to learn about the importance of the Santa Monica stream ecosystem. Adopt-a-Creek will involve trapping invasive crayfish, pulling weeds, and removing trash in the streams of the Malibu Creek Watershed. Receive community service. Reservations: www.mountain-trust.eventbrite.com or 818-591-1701 x212. 2hrs MRT

SAT 1/30 9am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Birdwalk for Young Birders Bird walk geared to young enthusiasts, led by young people. Binoculars available to borrow. Meet at parking lot. Info: Rose 818-990-5405. 2hrs SFVAS

National Park Service in partnership
with Focus on Astronomy

Skies of Winter Stargazing

January 30, Saturday from 6pm - 10pm
Rancho Sierra Vista – main parking lot

Explore the skies of winter with views of stunning star clusters and dramatic nebulae. Learn of *Orion the Hunter* and the stories connected to other winter time constellations. Bring your DSLR and capture images of celestial jewels through the telescopes. *Rain or cloudy skies cancel.* Bring a red flashlight if possible.

INFO: 805-370-2301

SAT 1/30 10am

Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek
Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 1/31 10am

Topanga State Park
What Plant is that? Topanga plants and their stories led by a Topanga Canyon Docent and Botanist. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

From Set to Screen

January 31, Sunday from 10am - 11am

Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. On this behind-the-scenes walk, discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. **Info: 805-370-2301**

February



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at the end of the descrip-
tion (e.g., NPS = National
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TUE 2/2 8:30am

*Malibu Creek State Park -
Tapia Unit*

Hike Join a moderately-paced,
500' gain, 6-mile hike, route
from Tapia Unit to Malibu Creek
SP; visit the Rock Pool and
return. Bring 2 qts water, snack,
lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen.
Rain cancels. Info: Rita 818-
889-9924. 2-3hrs SC

TUE 2/2 8:30am

Solstice Canyon

Hike Join a moderately-paced,
4-mile, 600' gain hike on Rising
Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace
and Solstice Canyon Falls, then
back along the canyon through
oak and walnut groves by the
stream. Info: 818-889-9924.
2-3rs SC

TUE 2/2 9am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Nicholas Flat Pk (1530') from
Malibu Nature Preserve* Join
a 7-mile round trip, 1500' gain
hike from the private Nature
Trust Preserve to Nicholas Flat.
Meet at Nature Trust parking lot
@ 33905 PCH. (Fee or park on
PCH). 5hrs SC

WED 2/3 10am

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
**Plein Air Painting (Land-
scapes)*** Join California Plein
Art impressionists and realists
painting in our great parks, and
share experience with other
artists. Bring your own painting
materials. Beginners welcomed
and assisted. Coordinator: Pat
805-583-8044. 4hrs TOPAW

Topanga Canyon Docents

Trippet Ranch Visitor Center Topanga State Park



The **Topanga
Canyon Docents**
welcome you to
the visitor center
housed in the
historic skeet
lodge at the park.

Inside is a natural
history museum
on plants, wildlife,
history, and trails.

**Stop by and visit from 10am - 3pm on
Sundays, January through July. For more
information: TopangaCanyonDocents.org**

Western National Parks Association

Navajo Rug Show

February 5 - 7,
Friday - Saturday
10am - 4pm

Pico House
424 N Main Street
Los Angeles CA 90012



There will be talks about rugs at 11am and 2pm daily. Also, weaving demonstrations, and a drawing for a free rug each day!

INFORMATION: 928-755-3254
or info@hubbelltradingpost.org

SAT 2/6 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*
Love Birds Love is in the air and the breeding season has begun for our winter resident birds. Bring your binoculars and bird book for look at our local love birds. If you have a camera and are interested in bird photography, bring it along as we will discuss settings and techniques. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 2/6 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve
Habitat Restoration Help weed, water, and mulch native plants for a restoration project. Bring snack, water, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountaintrust.org. 3.5hrs MRT

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Malibu Creek State Park
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THU 2/11 8:30am

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Trippet Ranch, Musch Trail, Eagle Rock Loop Join a moderately-paced, 8-mile, 1200' gain hike. Bring \$ for parking, 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-222-5581. 4hrs SC

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FRI 2/12 5pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Who's Hoo? Join a ranger and discover the tricks of identifying the different owls that may be found within the area on this 1.5-mile hike. Bring sturdy shoes, water, hat, and sunscreen. Meet in main parking lot. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 2/13 9am

Santa Monica Mountains
Paint-out Coastal vistas and crashing surf at Corral Beach (26000 PCH, Malibu). Meet and park for free on the Southbound side of PCH across the street from Malibu Seafood. All painting levels and medium welcome. Painting demo followed by critique at noon. Info: <http://allied-artists.com>. 4hr AASMM

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SAT 2/13 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Let's Go On Location Walk across a landscape that has served as a backdrop for dozens of movies and TV shows. This one time movie ranch has traveled across continents and other worlds when filmmakers went "on location." Meet at the lower parking lot. Rain cancels. Entry fee. 2hrs MCD

SAT 2/13 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park
Backbone Trail at Piuma Ridge Join a moderately-paced, 10-mile, 1800' gain out-and-back hike. Meet at trailhead (exit 101 at Las Virgenes; go S to Mulholland Hwy; continue south 1.5-miles to Piuma Rd and park on the SE shoulder). 5hrs SC

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Wilderness Survival Basics Ever wonder what it takes to get prepared for a wilderness survival situation? Join us on this program and learn some of the basics and tips you hopefully will never have to use. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 2/14 8am

Santa Monica Mountains
Sunday Hikes Join us for a 5-mile walk from Zuma Beach, watch for whales as we pass over Point Dume and along the beach for brunch at Paradise Cove. Expect brunch to cost about \$15. Reservations Required: Carol 310-454-4188. If rain cancels, we will reschedule for 2/28. 4hrs TCA

SUN 2/14 10am

Topanga State Park
Valentine's Day Hike: Birds do it! Bees do it! Join Topanga Canyon Docent Harry Palmer for a PG-rated tour of courtship and mating rituals of plants and animals in the park. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/14 12pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
History Tour Join us for a leisurely stroll around the visitor center and adjacent grounds while we learn what this area meant to the people who lived here. Meet inside visitor center. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

SUN 2/14**2pm***Franklin Canyon -**Franklin Canyon Ranch***Capture A Nature Moment****- The Love Edition**

In nature we can find various natural shapes, and one of them is often a heart. Come out and share your love of the outdoors on this easy walk, and look for hearts and other delightful photo opportunities. Bring your camera. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

**SUN 2/14****2pm***Temescal Gateway***A Walk into the Chumash World – The Love Edition**

Chumash Indians have always shared a loving and sacred bond with the environment and with each other. Through storytelling, music, and art, love is shared through generations. Easy, 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

TUE 2/16**9am***Topanga State Park***Santa Ynez Cyn to Trailer Cyn**

Join a moderate, 9-mile, 2000' gain grand tour hike around Santa Ynez waterfall (not visible), Santa Ynez Trail to Cathedral Rock with return via Trailer Cyn to Michael Lane. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead. 5hrs SC

The Chautauqua Series

**Tuesday, February 16, at 7:30pm***Temescal Gateway Park***Health of the Malibu Creek Watershed**

Despite minimal development in the Malibu Creek Watershed, we find evidence of degradation. Heal the Bay scientists will discuss monitoring efforts and what they are doing to advance healthier watersheds in the region. Presented by Sarah Sikich M.S. UCSB & Katherine Pease Ph.D. UCLA

Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 2/17**10am***Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa***Plein Air Painting (Landscapes)**

Join California Plein Art impressionists and realists painting in our great parks, and share experience with other artists. Bring your own painting materials. Beginners welcomed and assisted. Coordinator: Pat 805-583-8044. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 2/20**8:30am***Santa Monica Mountains***La Sierra Native Plant**

Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to restoration sites. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountainstrust.org. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 2/20**9am***Franklin Canyon -**Franklin Canyon Ranch***Unleash Yourself in**

Nature! Challenge yourself to an invigorating workout and hike. Let go, and enjoy the great outdoors in the process. Beginners welcome. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SAT 2/20**10am***Rocky Oaks***Be a Wildlife Biologist!**

Ages 5-12, learn about our ongoing research of our resident amphibians including snakes, lizards, salamanders, and Pacific tree frogs with our hands-on simulation of pitfall trap surveying. 1.5 hours NPS

Medicinal Plant Hike

February 20, Saturday from 10am - 12pm
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center



Professor Jim Adams, Ph.D., of the USC School of Pharmacy will lead a plant walk on the medicinal uses of California native plants. He is trained in Chumash healing and will present traditional recipes for making healing medicines.

Co-author of *Healing with Medicinal Plants of the West*, Adams will be available to sign his book. Meet inside visitor center. Limited participation. WNPA

Reservations Required: 805-370-2302
or samo@wnpa.org

SUN 2/21 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Stop and Smell the Roses
Join a docent for a hike exploring the Valley Floor, Lost Cabin Trail, Forest Trail and Malibu Lake Dam. Meet in lower parking lot. Contact Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com by 6pm on 2/18 for reservations and leave phone #. Rain cancels. 4hrs MCD

SUN 2/21 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Weed War Join us as we revisit the White Oak Farm restoration site. Come see the growth of a natural ecosystem of natives in what was once a field of fire-prone weeds. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/TP/CNPS

SAT 2/20 11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Views, views, views! Join a ranger and enjoy a 1.5-mile loop hike with 360° views of the Santa Monica Mountains. Meet by fountain. Bring water and sunscreen. 1.5hrs NPS

SUN 2/21 8am

Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Info: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, February 21

10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Lakota native **Kathy Willcuts** will be hosting a beaded bracelet-making workshop. She will discuss and demonstrate the stages in creating beadwork and the traditions in the art. All ages welcome. Please arrive on time. **Info: 805-370-2301**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 2/21 10am*Topanga State Park*

Family Walk Follow a docent naturalist on a nature walk. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/21 2pm*King Gillette Ranch*

A Walk into the Chumash World Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life. Learn about their culture and life in Southern California on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at the visitor center. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 2/21 5:30pm*Charmlee Wilderness Park***Almost Full Moon Hike**

Bundle up and meet us under the moon to explore how nature survives cooler, wetter, winter, weather. Meet at main parking lot. Moderate hike. 2hrs. MRCA

SUN 2/21 5:30pm*Franklin Canyon -**Franklin Canyon Ranch*

Almost Full Moon Hike You just can't beat a warm winter evening for exploring nature by moonlight. Enjoy our moderately-strenuous hike with great views. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

TUE 2/23 8:30am*Cheeseboro/**Palo Comado Canyons*

Hike Join a moderately-paced, 6+ mile, 500' elevation gain in the Simi Hills, first through ridge grasslands, then along an old ranch road following a stream-bed/multiple stream crossings with oak woodlands to Sulfur Springs. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 2-3hrs SC

TUE 2/23 9am*Point Mugu State Park***Sycamore/Serrano Cyns**

Join a 9-mile, round trip, 1200' gain hike to the saddle above Serrano Cyn. Meet at Sycamore Cyn fee parking lot (PCH W 19 mi from Malibu Cyn Rd - pay fee or park outside). 5hrs SC

SAT 2/27 8:45am*Leo Carrillo State Park***Beach & Stream Habitat**

Restoration In an area overrun with invasive, non-native plants, let's clear the way so native species can thrive! Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 2/27 6pm*Rancho Sierra Vista***Skies of Late Winter**

Stargazing Observe stunning star clusters and dramatic nebulae. Glimpse Jupiter as it makes its way back into the evening skies. Rain or cloudy skies cancel. 4hrs *Focus on Astronomy* in partnership with NPS

SUN 2/28 8:30am*Malibu Lagoon State Beach***Beach and Wetlands Bird**

Watching Beginners, experts, teens or adults, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 2/28 10am*Topanga State Park*

What Plant is That? Topanga plants and their stories led by a docent and botanist. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/28 10am*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special walk - binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations not required except for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 2/28 10am*Malibu Creek State Park***Welcome to Malibu Creek**

Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**National Park Service****From Set to Screen****February 28****Sunday, 10am - 11am**

Paramount Ranch

Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch.

Info: 805-370-2301

March



Questions on a program/event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service). Then use the **Directory on Page 33** to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.

THU 3/3 8:30am

Solstice Canyon

Moderately Paced Hike Join a 7-8 mile, 1600' gain hike, on Rising Sun trail to Tropical Terrace, then Sostomo Trail, Deer Valley Loop, and down Solstice Canyon to start. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 3/5 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center*

Spring into Birding Spring has sprung and the birds love the warmer weather and longer daylight hours. Bring your binoculars and bird book for a mid-morning look. If you have a camera and are interested in bird photography, bring it along as we will discuss settings and techniques. 1.5hrs NPS



SAT 3/5 8:45am

Cold Creek Preserve

Habitat Restoration Help plant, weed, and water native wildflowers and other plants. Bring snack, water, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 3/5 9:30am

Cold Creek Preserve -

Lower Stunt High Trailhead

First Saturday Stroll along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. Info: 818-591-9163. 2hrs CCD/MRT

SAT 3/5 10am

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Franklin's Movie Magic

Lights, Camera, Action! Join us on an easy-moderate walk including some stairs as we go on location in the canyon. This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s up until today. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

National Park Service & Western Nat'l Parks Assn

Thousand Oaks Art Association Plein Art Painters

March 5, Saturday, 10am - 11am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Six members of this art association meet and paint all venues from the local beaches, historical ranches, and hiking trails in the Santa Monica Mountains. **The exhibit and sale will run through March 27.**

Info: 805-370-2301

SUN 3/6 10am

Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center
Nature Trek Get outside and enjoy nature on this invigorating, moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shady green trails to sun-baked steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 3/6 10am

Topanga State Park
Journey of Discovery Learn about Chumash and Tongva Native American culture, wildlife, and wildflowers with a Topanga Canyon Docent naturalist. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

FRI 3/11 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
A Bit of Local History! Join us for a leisurely stroll around the visitor center and adjacent grounds while we learn what this area meant to the people who lived here. Meet inside visitor center. 1hr NPS

SAT 3/12 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Return of the Oak Woodlands Join us to help our native oak habitat. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 3/12 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Potrero Creek Restoration Help plant, weed and water native oaks and other native plants in a new restoration site. Meet at W. Potrero Rd. and Briar Ave. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 3/12 9am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
What's Blooming Join a ranger to identify blooming plants and wildflowers three years after the "Springs Fire." Meet in main parking lot. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 3/12 9am

King Gillette Ranch
Paint-out Eucalyptus-lined entrance, mountain vistas, oak groves and historic Mediterranean estate. All painting levels and medium welcome. Painting demonstration and facilities. Parking fee. Info: <http://allied-artists.com>. 4hr AASMM

SAT 3/12 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park
Stop and Smell the Roses Join a docent for a moderate hike exploring the Lookout Trail, Yearling Trail, Deer Leg Trail, Reagan Ranch and Cage Creek Trail. Meet in lower parking lot. Contact Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com by 6pm on 3/3 for reservations and leave phone #. Rain cancels. 5hrs MCD

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, March 6
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Join Chumash Elder, **Dennis Garcia**, as he shares his ancestor's culture with Chumash stories and songs. All ages welcome. **Info: 805-370-2301**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 3/12 10am

King Gillette Ranch

Wilderness Survival Basics

Ever wonder what it takes to get prepared for a wilderness survival situation? Join us on this program and learn some of the basics and tips you hopefully will never have to use. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 3/13 8:45am

Malibu Creek State Park

Weed War Join us as we remove weeds at sites restored in past years. Come see the growth of a natural ecosystem of natives in what was once a field of fire-prone weeds. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountainstrust.org. 3.5hrs MRT/TP/CNPS

SUN 3/13 10am

Topanga State Park

Wild Foods, Native Cultures, and 'Weird' Geography, OH MY! Join a docent naturalist and experience first-hand, the richly interwoven natural and cultural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and sample some tasty tidbits to boot. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 3/13 2pm

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Capture a Nature Moment

Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 3/13 2pm

Temescal Gateway Park

A Walk into the Chumash

World Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life. Learn about their culture and life in Southern California on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 3/13 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains

Interagency Visitor Center

History Tour Join us for a leisurely stroll around the visitor center and adjacent grounds while we learn what this area meant to the people who lived here. Meet inside visitor center. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

TUE 3/15 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Hike Join us on a moderately-paced, 5-mile, 1400' loss hike in a canyon. Short shuttle to the top of the mountain and then a downhill hike. Meet 8am at the trailhead that is located on Old Topanga Cyn Rd, 0.4 mile west of intersection with Topanga Cyn Blvd. There is limited roadside parking so please rideshare. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: Virve 310-477-9664. 2-3hrs SC

The Chautauqua Series



March 15, Tuesday at 7:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Greenhouse Gases and You

Hear about the observed changes, consequences, and the most promising actions you can take.

Presented by Ann Dorsey, M.S. CSUN. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

THU 3/17 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
New Millennium Trail Loop
 Join a moderately-paced, 12-mile, 2300' gain loop hike in Calabasas. This loop trail is composed of several connecting segments. Meet at trailhead at west end of Calabasas Road. At end of road, make a U-turn and park on right (south) side. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 3/19 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to restoration sites. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 3/19 9am

Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Unleash Yourself in Nature! Challenge yourself to an invigorating workout and hike. Let go, and enjoy the great outdoors in the process. Beginners welcome. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SAT 3/19 10am

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center
Views, views, views! Join a ranger and enjoy a 1.5-mile loop hike with 360° views of the Santa Monica Mountains. Meet by fountain. Bring water and sunscreen. 1.5hrs NPS

Celebrating Migration

March 19, Saturday from 10am - 11am

Leo Carrillo State Park

Join rangers in search of signs of gray whales. Also enjoy a great chance to explore the beach, tide pools and look for seals and dolphins.

Bring binoculars. Meet at the visitor center. \$12 parking fee.

Info: 805-370-2301

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The Wiley Coyote

March 19, Saturday from 5:45p - 7:15p

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Join a ranger for a 1.5-mile hike through grassy hills while learning about these savvy opportunistic creatures. Meet in the main parking lot. Bring water.
Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 3/19 **6:30pm**

Franklin Canyon -

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Spring Equinox Hike Hike up a moderate trail at sunset, identifying plants. Stop at viewpoint overlook to discuss seasonal changes, identify planets and constellations. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SUN 3/20 **8am**

Malibu Creek State Park

Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Info: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 3/20 **9am**

Topanga State Park

Lower Park Restoration Help plant, weed, and water to restore native habitat. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or www.mountaintrust.org. 3hrs MRT

SUN 3/20 **9:30am**

Stunt Ranch Reserve -

Lower Stunt High Trailhead

Spring Equinox Celebrate the Vernal/Spring Equinox with great views in an easy hike downhill through rock-studded chaparral, grassland, and riparian habitats. Bring water, hat, and sturdy shoes. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 3/20 **10am**

Topanga State Park

Family Walk Follow a Topanga Canyon Docent naturalist on a nature walk. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

Cultural Workshop

Sunday, March 20

10am & 1pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Potawatomi Cherokee artist, **Nadiya Littlewarrior**, presents a workshop on making decorative gourds and gourd necklaces. Materials will be provided. Please be on time. All ages are welcome. 2-hour workshop in the morning and afternoon. **Info: 805-370-2301**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore Art Sale

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

March 20, Sunday from 10am - 4pm

Enjoy original art by local artists featuring paintings of the Santa Monica Mountains
Portion of funds donated to continuing arts in the park. Sponsored by Allied Artists, National Park Service and Western National Parks Association.

Info: 805-370-2301 or www.allied-artists.com

SUN 3/20 10am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 3/20 2pm

King Gillette Ranch

A Walk into the Chumash World Chumash Indians have used many natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life. Learn about their culture and life in Southern California on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at the visitor center. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

TUE 3/22 8:30am

Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead

Hike Join a moderately-paced, 5-mile, 300' gain hike to the top of Reseda to Cathedral Rock. Valley views, wildflowers, and glimpse of the Pacific, too! Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: Rita 818-889-9924. 2-3hrs SC

WED 3/23 6:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Full Moon Hike With Spring upon us, it is the perfect time to observe nighttime adaptations and soak in the breathtaking views by moonlight. Meet at main parking lot. Moderate hike. 2hrs. MRCA

WED 3/23 6:30pm

Franklin Canyon -

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Full Moon Hike Join us on an evening for exploring nature by moonlight. Enjoy our moderately-strenuous hike with great views. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SAT 3/26 8am

Franklin Canyon -

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

Canyon Birds Spend part of the morning with the birds! Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll around Franklin Canyon Lake to find local and migratory birds. No dogs please. Meet at the parking lot below the Nature Center. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. 2hrs MRCA/NPS

SAT 3/26 8:45am

Leo Carrillo State Park

Beach Habitat Restoration

Help clear the way of invasive plants so native species, including the native steelhead, can thrive. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools will be provided. Reservations required: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT

SAT 3/26 9am

Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit

Habitat Restoration - Adopt-a-Creek Training

Learning about the importance of the Santa Monica stream ecosystem. Training will involve trapping invasive crayfish, pulling weeds, and removing trash in streams. Reservations: www.mountaintrust.eventbrite.com or 818-591-1701 x212. 2hrs MRT

SAT 3/26 10am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek

Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD



SAT 3/26 6pm

Rancho Sierra Vista

Skies of Spring Stargazing

Spring is here and the sky above is changing. Come explore the galaxy rich skies and grab your views of Jupiter and its moons. Learn about the folklore behind the Big Dipper and Leo the Lion. Bring a red flashlight. Rain or cloudy skies cancel. 4hrs *Focus on Astronomy* in partnership with NPS

SUN 3/27 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching

Beginners, experts, teens or adults, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 3/27 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special walk - binoculars provided. Meet at shaded viewpoint. Reservations not required except for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 3/27 10am

Topanga State Park

Fantastic Tales on Topanga Trails

Join a Topanga Canyon Docent naturalist on a fun-filled adventure walk with storytelling, songs, hands-on activities, games, "natural edibles," and surprises. Meet by the ramada in the parking lot. 2hrs TCD

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 10 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking, equestrian trails, and picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS/MRCA/CSP
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K–12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

- 1 Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- 2 Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- 3 California State Parks Angeles District Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- 4 Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 5 Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- 6 Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- 7 Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- 8 Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak, and Stunt Rds.
- 9 Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 10 Franklin Canyon**
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon): From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

- 11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.
- 12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.
- 13 Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.
- 14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.
- 15 Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.3 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.
- 16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.
- 17 Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.3 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.
- 18 Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.
- 19 Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.
- 20 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.
- 21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Matador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.
La Piedra State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Pescador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.
- 22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.
Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.
- 23 Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

24 Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

25 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #22.

27 Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.
Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.
Los Lions Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve

Las Virgenes Trailhead: From Ventura Fwy (101), exit Las Virgenes Road and head north 1.75 miles to the end of the road.

33 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

34 Will Rogers State Historic Park 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

35 Zuma/Trancas Canyons

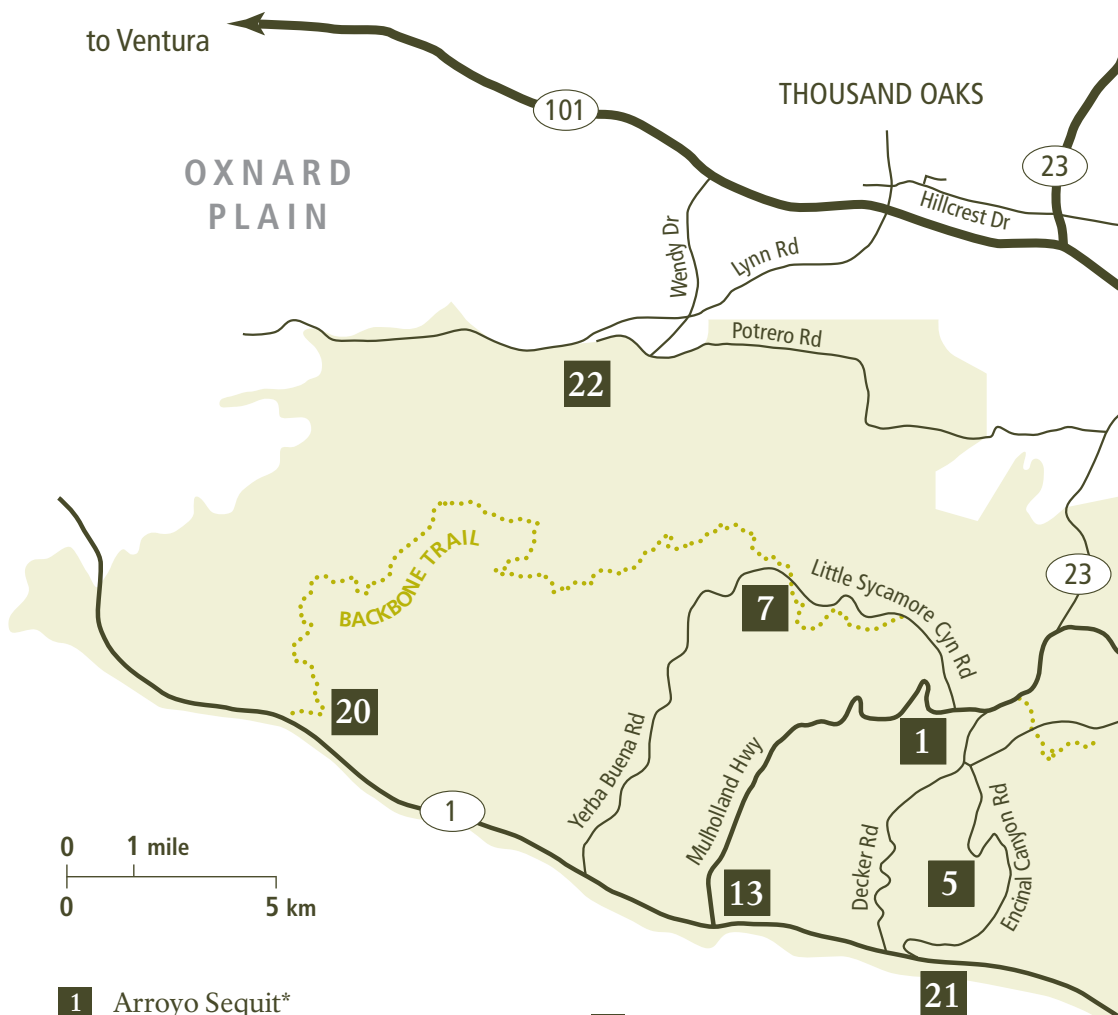
Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.

Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.

Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



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